



State of New Jersey

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Mr. Cristopher Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Re: L.E. Carpenter Superfund Site
Wharton, Morris County

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed the 1st Quarter 1999 Monitoring Report dated April 1999. The Department is concerned about the sampling results for replacement well MW-11D, which has DEHP levels of 64 ppb. A duplicate value of 20 ppb was also reported. This well is 161 feet deep, the heads are upward and DEHP has a density less water, which would cause it to float on the water table. Furthermore, this compound was not detected in the intermediate zone well, MW-11I. A possible explanation is drag down during the installation of this well since over five feet of product is found in MW-11S at this location. Therefore, this well must be incorporated into the quarterly sampling program. If the DEHP levels decrease, the Department will consider dropping this well from the sampling program.

Please contact me at (609) 633-7261 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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